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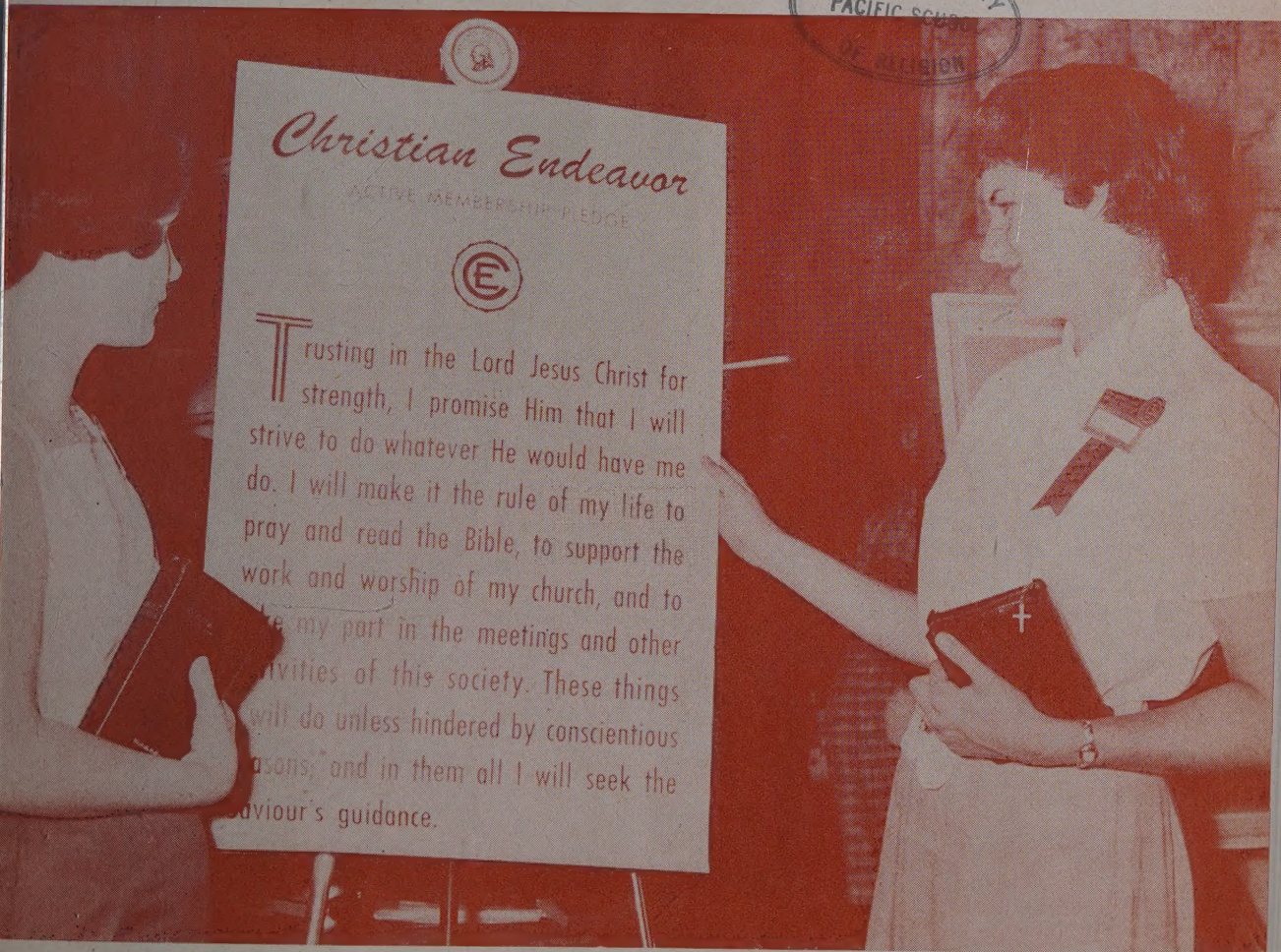
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Two Philadelphia Endeavorers, Elizabeth Malloy and Claire Hendry, read the Christian Endeavor Pledge displayed in the lobby of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel during the International Christian Endeavor Convention last summer in the City of Brotherly Love. **Photo by W. Henry Boller.**

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

HIDDEN TREASURES

Just as I was about to prepare this column there came to my desk an interesting little package bearing the return address of Miss Hilda C. Appelbaum of Staten Island, New York. The package contained a hidden treasure. It was a song book, words only, that was so small it could be held in the palm of the hand. But this was no ordinary song book. It is doubtless one of the few remaining copies of the Christian Endeavor Edition of Gospel Hymns No. 6; it bears the copyright date of 1891, only ten years after the birth of Christian Endeavor. Of course it carries the former name of the International Society, which was the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and it carries an address that is known to only a few of us and is just a faded memory to any who knew of it—50 Bromfield Street, Boston, Massachusetts. It was compiled by some of music's truly greats of the past, Ira D. Sankey, James McGranahan, and George C. Stebbins. In their preface the compilers note that the book contains sixteen pages more than the regular edition of "Gospel Hymns No. 6," embracing a number of Christian Endeavor Hymns for special occasions, together with the Motto, the Pledge, and Benediction of the Society.

This hidden treasure was turned over to Miss Appelbaum by a Moravian cemetery worker who found it when he was cleaning out one of their oldest buildings (the church is 196 years old). Doubtless others of you have a wealth of these hidden treasures that tell the story of this movement. Especially as we approach the 80th anniversary jubilee celebration in 1961 would we encourage you to bring these things out and send them to us. Special arrangements are being made to preserve many of the historical items of past days of Christian Endeavor. When you are next cleaning out that long untouched attic or closet watch for those hidden treasures of Christian Endeavor.

WHO'S WHO

Ray Zimmerman, of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, a student at Huntington College (United Brethren in Christ Church), Huntington, Indiana, has been selected for recognition in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He was among three senior men selected by the faculty of the college, and the students of the senior class. Ray is a former president of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union; he served a term in 1959 as a vice-president of the Executives' Program Council of the International Society. In making the individual selections these factors were taken into account: the student's scholarship, his participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, his citizenship and service to the college, and his promise of future usefulness. A successful businessman and an accomplished ice-skating star, Ray gave up his business career to enter college to prepare for the Christian ministry. He is now serving as field secretary for Christian Endeavor for the Department of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ Church.

Thus, another Christian Endeavorer is in the news. This is a much-deserved recognition.

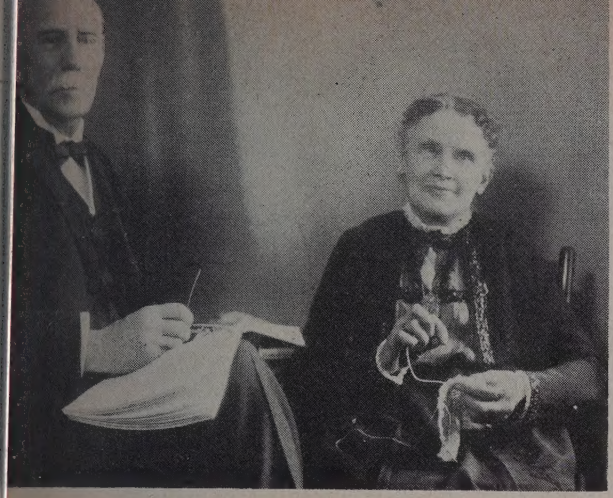
YOUR INVITATION . . . . .

Have you read your invitation to invest in youth? This is Membership Mobilization time for Christian Endeavor International. Individuals, societies, unions, churches, groups are given an opportunity to share in the important task of financing this interdenominational, interracial, international ministry. In 1960 there is needed $103,200. From memberships and gifts there must be raised $68,000. Will you use your mathematics to see where you fit into the picture. Then, send your membership today! And pray with us, won't you, that God will abundantly bless this effort.

ANNIVERSARY TIME!

Right now you are beginning to celebrate the 79th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. From that small beginning in Williston Church in Portland, Maine, in 1881, God has nurtured this movement through the years, bringing it to this day. As we step across the threshold into a new year we do so "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," and purposing to do whatever He would us have do, in the year ahead.

Harold Westerhoff



Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark in an informal pose.

BEGINNINGS

The Story of the First Christian Endeavor Society

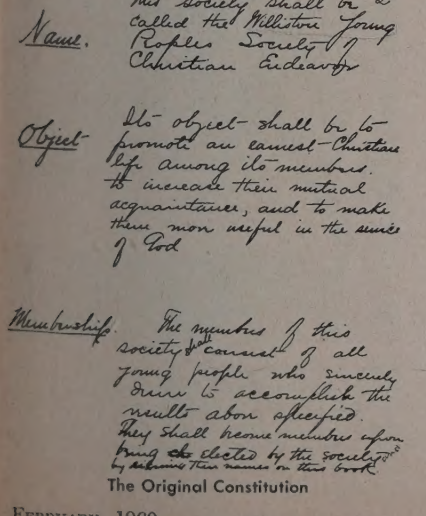
By Mrs. Francis E. Clark, Wife of the Founder

Taken from the book, "Fifty Years of Christian Endeavour," edited by W. Knight Chaplin and M. Jennie Street and published in London, England, in 1931 as a jubilee record and forecast.

And this is the way it was, in the beginning. On February 2nd, 1881, the members of the Mizpah Circle had been invited to the parsonage for a pleasant social afternoon and for supper, for in those days in Portland we had dinner at noon and supper at six in the evening.

It was a busy morning in the Williston parsonage. This minister's wife was in the kitchen preparing the supper, and wondering how many cookies forty boys and girls could eat. The minister was in his study, not writing his sermon as usual, but earnestly thinking about his young people and how he could help them to a more earnest and more useful Christian life. Many of them were members of the church and were ready to help, but no place had yet been made for them in the work of the church. Their pastor felt that being church members should mean being real helpers in the work of the church. None of the plans that had been tried had accomplished what he felt they needed, so, while his wife made cookies in the kitchen, he made plans in the study.

The minister's wife was just putting her fourth pan of cookies in the oven when she heard footsteps on the stairs and the minister appeared with a paper in his hand which he asked her to read, and tell him what she thought of it. Hastily closing the oven door, she opened the paper and read as follows:



The Original Constitution

Now all this happened so long ago that I cannot tell exactly what we said and did, but I think the following is the substance of the conversation in the parsonage kitchen that February morning in 1881.

"That is very good," said the minister's wife. "I like the name and the object of the Society. I believe it is just what we need; we must try it"; and she read on, hesitating as she came to these words:

"It is expected that all the members of the Society will be present at every meeting unless detained by some absolute necessity, and that *each one will take some part however slight in every meeting.*"

By this time her mind was so perturbed that she had no thought for her cookies merrily burning in the oven.

"Do you expect the young people to promise all that?" she asked.

"Yes," said the minister, "it is not too much; it is only what a Christian should be willing to do, whether promising it or not."

"But how can they promise it?" said his wife. "How many of the older members of the Church are doing as much as that?"

"Not as many as I could wish," he replied; "It would be a wonderful thing for the Church if they would do it."

"And do you really mean that you would expect us all to speak in meeting, and speak every time?"

"Yes," replied the minister, "that is just what I am hoping they will all be willing to promise."

"Why, they will never promise that," said the minister's wife. "I could not promise that myself. Why, I have never taken part except in our small ladies' prayer meeting, and I find that very hard. I just dread it every time. I simply couldn't do it. I have never heard women take part in any such meeting. It isn't done. I think Paul was right when he said, 'Let your women keep silence in the churches.' I don't believe the young people will promise that. If their minister's wife cannot do it, how can you expect it of them? The rest I will promise, but this I never can do. I'm sorry, but I just can't. You had better leave that out"; and she turned away in a spirit of finality, considering the discussion ended.

Now that minister was not only a very good man, but a very wise one, and without further discussion he laid the paper on the table, saying, "Well, you can think it over," and returned to his study, helping himself to cookies as he went, and leaving his wife to her cookies and her conscience.

The minister's wife stood in the middle of the kitchen fighting a losing battle with her conscience, leaving Christian Endeavor on the table and the cookies in the oven. The battle ended as both the minister and his wife had known it would; conscience conquered and the cookies burned.

It was a very sober minister's wife who took those coal-black cookies from the oven and mixed some more, and began again, thinking all the time of the promise she would make, and praying for help to keep it.

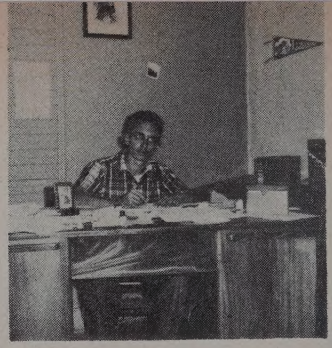
With prayer and patience more cookies were made, and they tasted unusually good, the parson thought, when he came down again. The afternoon came and the children came; and after a happy time with music and stories and play they all sat down to supper, thirty or forty of them; and the cookies and all the other dainties found a ready market, for the merry crowd of youngsters enjoyed their supper as well as they had enjoyed their work and play. Then, after a few words from their pastor and a song, the little ones went happily home and the older ones waited to join their older brothers and sisters in the evening.

And it was a happy crowd of young people who came ploughing their way through the snow a little later, laughing and chatting and wondering what new plan their pastor had to propose. They little thought what a serious proposition it would be, and what it would mean for their after-lives, and for the lives of many young people the world around.

After a short talk the pastor presented his plan for a new organization to be called a *Christian Endeavor Society.* The young people listened quietly while he read the proposed constitution, and as he closed there was a dead silence. They looked at each other, and they looked into their own hearts, and I suppose they all felt as their pastor's wife had felt. They could not do it. What! go to meeting every week whether they felt like it or not! And promise to speak in every meeting! Why, they never had done such a thing. They couldn't.

Perhaps no one understood the young people's feeeling quite as well as their pastor's wife, and seeing her opportunity to help, she began talking it over with the girls. She explained to them that this was not as hard as it looked, and that it did not mean that they must make long speeches. "Surely, if we really love our Lord," she said, "we can say a word for Him in the meeting, or ask Him in a sen-

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The newly-elected
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tional Union, J
Antonio Laparra,
at work.



More than 400 delegates from every area of Guatemala gathered in the Central Evangelical Church (Presbyterian), adjacent to the National Palace, for the sessions of the convention November 18-22.



A delegation of Quiche Indians from the
pose in native dress with Harold E. Westerh

GUATEMALA REPORTING

A Picture Story of the First Grand National Convention in Guatemala City

Speaking assignments and conference leadership for the convention were shared by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw of Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California, and Dr. Francisco Huegel, long-time Latin American leader and missionary of the Disciples of Christ Church. Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Union, also attended and participated. The theme was "Continuing to Build" (Nehemiah 4:18a). Delegates wore special b showing the map of Guatemala and a Christian End monogram. In the National Presbyterian Church of G mala there are 65 churches and 72 Christian End societies, for in many places the Christian Endeavor s is the forerunner of a newly-organized church.



The convention choir, composed of delegates, sang under the direction of Rev. Stanley Wick, secretary of the United Presbyterian Mission in Mexico. The theme banner is shown, with one of the daily subthemes.



The convention emblem.



Leaders at dinner are (left to right)
Antonio Laparra; John Shackelford, adv
the national union and United Presbyteri
sionary from California; Harold E. Wes
Jose Antonio Zambrano, immediate past
dent; and Gustavo Adolfo Rosal, former tr
of the union.

A Letter *from* an Editor About Christian Citizenship

A feature of the 1959 Citizenship Contest was "A Letter to My Editor" sent to local newspapers by individual contestants, on the subject SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP! Here are excerpts from a letter written by A. H. Kirchhofer, editor of the BUFFALO EVENING NEWS, Buffalo, New York, in response to several of the contest entries he received. His significant response indicates that the Citizenship Contest is stirring the thinking of many on the subject of Christian citizenship.

Last February I received several letters from Western New York young people, each dealing with the subject of "Christian citizenship."

I answered each in the same way, thanking the writers for their interest in the welfare of youth and the nation's future. I assured each writer that "it is the purpose of The News at all times to exemplify the highest standards of citizenship and Christian living."

I learned recently that one of these letters, written by David Jackson of Derby, New York, won second place in the 1959 Citizenship Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

I should like to reply more specifically to two points which Mr. Jackson advanced in his letter. I think it might help to clarify the attitude of reputable newspapers toward Christian citizenship and might aid other young people in their thinking about citizenship and the free press which is so important a part of our American way of life.

Mr. Jackson's points are inter-related to a degree. In brief, they are:

1—That news coverage is unbalanced, that more space is devoted to crime, delinquency, divorce and other evils than to law observance, achievements of youth, happy marital relations, church activities and other forms of good.

2—That the newspaper does not take a stand against evil; he cites gambling as an example.

Certain facts must be borne in mind. A newspaper must make a profit in order to continue to exist. Otherwise, it must borrow. In that case, it becomes, sooner or later, a propaganda tool of those interests from which it obtained the money.

To do any good in a community, therefore, a newspaper must have advertising—from which most of its revenue is derived. This need, together with mechanical considerations, limits the amount of space that any newspaper has for printing news.

When Evangelist Billy Graham visited Buffalo, The News assigned several of its best reporters to cover his meetings, and told the story in eight-column, front-page headlines and many columns of type.

For more than two years, The News led a fight against pinball gambling that was resulting in widespread corruption in city governmental circles. The pinball machines were driven out and have been kept out.

The News always stands ready and eager to publish news about unusual achievements in the religious world, outstanding examples of Christian citizenship, and progress in the fight against evil.

But there is another side to life which must be reported—the momentary appearance of evil, the crime, disaster and tragedy which endanger all Americans, young or old.

Regrettable as these things are, failure to give a true and accurate report of them allows youth to form a distorted picture of life and the dangers to be met.

Each offense against Christian citizenship adequately reported serves as a timely warning to other persons who may be in similar circumstances. Frequently, when the mere reporting of facts does not sufficiently emphasize the offense and the reasons for it, an editorial is used to make even clearer The News' stand in support of right conduct.

The teaching of both Judaism and Christianity in response to Cain's cynical question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" is that each individual is responsible to warn others of dangers and disasters that lurk in an evil way of life. This applies to newspapers and their editors as well as to all who strive for Christian citizenship.

In a sense, Mr. Jackson supplies the refutation of his own points when he writes: "Christian citizenship must begin with the individual if it is to be successful."

The Gospel of Mark records that when Jesus visited Capernaum on one occasion, "it was noised that He was in the house," or in the words of the Revised Standard Version, "it was *reported* that He was at home."

Jesus was, if we may use that phrase, a "Christian citizen," but the perfection of His character was such that His very presence was worth reporting. Yet the Gospel writers did not flinch from reporting on another occasion that it was said that He had gone to be the guest of a sinner—one whom other good citizens regarded as evil.

This was accurate, honest, adequate reporting, the kind that gives all the facts—or all of them that can be learned—and lets the reader form his own opinion.

This is the kind of reporting in which The News has faith, and which it seeks to practice.

LAST CALL!

This is the last opportunity for young people and for Christian Endeavor societies and similar youth groups to enter Christian Endeavor's ninth Citizenship Contest. Fill out the nomination forms below and send at once to Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Each entrant will receive all necessary information.

ACT NOW! February 8 is the deadline for nominations!

Nomination Form FOR INDIVIDUALS

PLEASE PRINT

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 8, 1960

NOTE: You may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or you may nominate yourself.

Please enter_____
(Name)
in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Send all information to the contestant at

_____
(Address)

_____
(City, Zone, State)

(Disregard the following if you are nominating yourself) I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter" and Service Record.

_____
(Name of Person Making Nomination)

_____
(Address of Person Making Nomination)

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(City, Zone, State of Person Making Nom.)

Nomination Form FOR SOCIETIES

PLEASE PRINT

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 8, 1960

Please enter_____
(Name of Society or Group)

_____
(Name of Church)
in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Send all information to

_____
(Name of Contact Person)

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(Address of Contact Person)

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(City, Zone, State of Contact Person)

_____
Office or Position of Contact Person

Your Life's Work

Everyone wants to be successful in his vocation or profession. And of course, *you* do.

But do you have a *plan* for success? In what direction are you heading? Let's take a long look at some of the things that will help make *you successful!*

God gives all Christians a basis for living: "In Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). This means that God is interested in *you.* He is actually the center—the hub—of all that you do. Since God truly wants you to make the most of your life, then certainly He must have a *plan* for you. If God created you, surely He is far better able to order your life than you are. So trust Him for guidance and you will be much more successful than you ever could be if you relied upon yourself. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6).

"But," you say, "I'm not going to be a preacher or a missionary."

Perhaps not. But God isn't speaking only to ministers and missionaries. He is speaking to *you.* In fact, *God is more desirous for you to be successful than you are yourself.* In the Bible we find that God is so interested in people that He gives them personal commands.

Look at Peter—a mere fisherman. But before God was through with him, Peter was a "fisher of men." The Lord Jesus came to Peter personally and drew him away from his leaky boat and smelly fish. What an amazing transformation—from a common fisherman to a great apostle!



And God has not changed. He is just as interested in you as He was in Peter.

No man has to accept a second best for his life. There's a place for *every* man, and it's his own fault if he misses it.

Success? There's only one *real* way to attain it. And that is to be in the will of God!

How Can I Tell What My True Abilities Are?

As I counsel with young men and women, I find that many people are square pegs in round holes. They are not happy in their life's work because they are not doing the thing for which they are best suited. Their work is not a joy. It is a drudgery.

1. Take aptitude tests.
2. Consult your school adviser.
3. Take inventory of any special talents you may have.
4. See where your interests lie.
5. Take a vocational guidance course.
6. See vocational films.
7. Read literature on various occupations.
8. Talk with men in various professions.
9. Check your school grades.
10. Explore the field — take part-time jobs.
11. Consider your health.
12. Pray for guidance.

Here's a thrilling fact: Among the millions of human beings in the world, no two are alike. Each is unique. The same is true of nature. Just as God has a design in every snowflake, every leaf, so He has a plan for you! If you take every advantage of the suggestions above, and earnestly commit your life to Christ, He will, in His time, reveal His perfect plan for you.

Conflict With Parents In Vocational Plans

A young man once asked, "What shall I do? My parents want me to be an engineer but I want to be a missionary."

He had a real problem. But it was not an uncommon one. Many young people encounter similar conflicts.

"But this isn't fair," you say. "I've got my own life to live!"

You're right. But don't brush off your parents too quickly. Talk with them about it. A calm discussion of problem is always helpful. Rest ass that if you trust God, He will wo out in His own time.

But whatever the conflict, find o the reasons are God-centered or centered. Your first allegiance is to Make up your mind on that basis. will take care of the rest.

Salaries

Seldom is there much relationship tween the eternal value of a job and price tag placed upon it. Great me God are not highly paid in money.

"Does this mean that I should al take a job with a low salary?"

No, not necessarily. If you are God's will, you'll want the job tha best for you.

This may help you: If you were fered three jobs, you might ask your "If all three positions were in the s location, if they all paid the same sa and if they all offered equal pres which one would I take?" This sim test has helped many Christians k God's will for them.

Great Challenges of the Century

The best job for you is the one which God calls you. And of course can witness for Him wherever you

But there are some professions t that are especially significant bec there are so few Christians in them, because the opportunities to influe many people are great.

Here are several fields of ser which seem to me to be espec significant. Perhaps God would have enter one of them.

Social Service

Unregenerate workers in the fiel social service are making important cisions and influencing multitudes people — and without spiritual wisd

This great field of social welfare w should be of special concern to evan cal Christians has been sorely negle by them.

The field is wide open; the need great and heartbreaking that it sh stir the heart of any believer who loves the Lord. It calls for hard and constant application. It has its appointments and difficulties—but one of the kinds of work to which Lord called His people.

If you are interested in finding a p where you can train for this field, ge touch with your church or den

By Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, consulting psychologist for Los Angeles County Schools

ational office or state welfare depart-ent. You may also write The Evangeli-al Welfare Agency, 108 North Dear-orn Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

ducation

If you want to influence America, you hould go where the *people* are, and vhere they are *young*. This means ublic and private schools. The teach-ngs of the classroom soon become the eliefs of the average citizen. If the eachers and school administrators of our ations are godly men and women, their eliefs and attitudes will quickly become part of the young lives whom they nfluence.

The field of education offers a variety f professional careers. Here is a partial ist: Kindergarten teacher, elementary eacher, secondary teacher, college in-tructor, counselor, speech therapist, sychologist, school nurse, business man-ger, registrar, and supervisor.

There is a national shortage of edu-ators. During the next two decades here will be a great demand to meet he increased population.

A career in education continues for a ifetime. Positions of importance become ncreasingly available with years of ervice and experience. You will become nore valuable at fifty than you were at hirty.

There is a great organization of Chris-ian educators called "The National Edu-ators' Fellowship." This active group as local chapters and campus chapters hroughout the nation. They have an xcellent monthly magazine called *Vi-ion*. Further information about educa-ion is available through this organiza-ion: 120 North Oakland, Pasadena, California.

Psychology

As for requirements: Most states re-quire an undergraduate major in educa-ion (preferably elementary because hat is where most of the openings are) nd a strong minor in psychology. One nust also have a master's degree in educational psychology. Teaching ex-perience is required in most states. In addition, there are certain courses which each state department of education specifies.

A school psychologist is in a strategic position. He works closely with pupils, teachers, and parents. Perhaps God would have you enter this great pro-fession.

Government Service

"The penalty good men pay for in-difference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."—Plato

Why should evangelical Christians hold influential positions in government?

America was founded by Christians on Christian principles. There is no bet-ter way to keep America strong than to have Christians in key governmental po-sitions. Our government should be ad-ministrated by Christians who will take their moral and ethical standards into government and help shape U.S. policies in accordance with a Christian philosophy of life.

The Ministry

There is, of course, no greater or higher calling than the Gospel ministry. If you feel that God may possibly be speaking to your heart about the min-istry, you should talk the matter over with your pastor or some other Chris-tian worker.

Not everyone is suited for the min-istry. God calls well adjusted, qualified men, not misfits, as ministers of the Gos-pel. So, if you are considering entering the ministry, pray earnestly and think seriously about your qualifications and talents. Remember that a minister needs ability in administration, in public speaking, in counseling and in "rightly dividing the Word." He should be a friendly, optimistic person, not easily discouraged or overcome by disappoint-ment. And above all, a minister of the Gospel must have real depth of spirit-uality and a true consecreation to the Lord.

A minister's life is not his own. It belongs to God and the people he serves. True, a minister is responsible for wit-nessing and leading people to Christ. But that is not all. He carries everyone's burdens and sorrows. His hours have no limit. He must be all things at all times to all sorts of people. His wife must be a model for the parish. His own life should be the model of a good citizen and an ideal father, an understanding husband, a trusted friend and an ex-emplary Christian. And above all, *he must receive his calling from God.*

A Missionary for Christ

My mother used to tell me, "Son, the best things cost the most." Now I know what she meant. Service for God may be difficult but it also pays off in abundant joy.

A missionary calling is one of the high-est. Its challenge is vividly portrayed in this poem:

Out where the loneliness presses around me,
Looking on sights that are sordid and drear,
Strangely abiding—yet surely God called me,
Why do I wonder if Jesus is here?

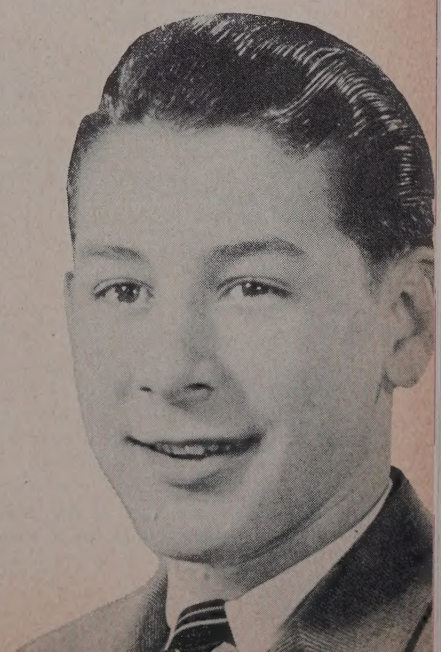
He, who is God, took the form of a servant,
Humbled Himself unto death without fear;
Lonely, forsaken, despised, and re-jected,
My blessed Saviour, my Jesus, came here!

Wilt Thou forgive me for failure in serving;
Heartache, depression, regrets, disappear.
Born of the Cross, a new courage in-fills me;
Jesus, my Victory, my Life, is now here!

—Author Unknown

Is God calling you to the mission field? If so, answer the call. You will never have peace and joy until you obey!

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National War Memorial, Ottawa, with Chateau Laurier in background

Come to Ottawa

In July Christian Endeavorers will gather in Canada's capital city for the fourth Citizenship Convocation sponsored by the International Society.

The sessions will be held at the fabulous Chateau Laurier on Confederation Square in the downtown area. The Convocation opens Friday, July 1, with dinner and closes at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon, July 3.

Features of the sessions will be a Quiet Hour period at Napean Point on Saturday morning, followed by a walking tour of Parliament Hill. Visits to City Hall, the Supreme Court Building, the Library, and the American Embassy are tentatively planned.

After the banquet Saturday evening, a mass Citizenship Rally will be held. At this time winners in the 1960 Citizenship Contest will be honored and will receive the Albert H. Diebold Awards.

Sunday's schedule includes a communion service, morning worship, a service at Aylmer Presbyterian Church and a pilgrimage to Cherry Cottage at Aylmer, Quebec, the childhood home of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor Movement. The Canadian Union is planning to dedicate a memorial plaque at the church.

Citizenship Convocation Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is $5.00 payment which will apply on my $35.00 convocation fee (including meals, except breakfast, from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room, in the fabulous Chateau Laurier, plus sight-seeing and registration fee).

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It's Mexico in 1960!

Christian Endeavorers in the Pacific Area of the World's Christian Endeavor Union are making plans for the Area I Conference scheduled for August 17-20 in Mexico City.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, will participate in the conference. Other program personalities include Rev. Izumi Watanabe, field secretary of the Japan Union; Rev. John Shackelford, United Presbyterian missionary from Guatemala; and Dr. Francisco J. Huegel, longtime Latin American leader and missionary of the Disciples of Christ.

At the present time Korean Endeavorers are selecting a delegate. Australia and Canada will also be officially represented, with sizeable delegations from Mexico, Guatemala and the United States.

Sessions will be held in the new downtown Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church. This is being rushed to completion so it will be available for the conference.

Theme will be "Christ, the Light of the World." The two official languages of the conference will be Spanish and English.

The program begins with the pre-conference service of prayer, followed by a mass meeting Wednesday evening. Thursday morning Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society, will lead the communion service, which will be followed by methods and leadership education conferences. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday afternoon is a hymn sing at the monument of the Five Boy Heroes in Chapultepec Park. Each evening mass rallies are planned.

Quiet Hour periods will open the program on Friday and on Saturday mornings. Conferences will continue Friday with a plenary business session on Saturday.

A typical Mexican fiesta is planned by Mexican leaders for one afternoon, with native dress and setting and songs, music, and refreshments. At the closing session Saturday evening a massed choir will pi sent Mexican sacred music.

Headquarters for the Mexican Fello ship Tour group will be the ultra-mode Hotel Plaza Vista Hermosa.

Harold E. Westerhoff, tour director, r ports members of the Mexican Fellowsh Tour will enjoy 23 days "south of the b der." The group leaves Chicago August via air, arriving in Mexico City that eveni

After sight-seeing in Mexico City t party drives to San Miguel Allende v Queretaro, then to colonial Guanajuato (old silver mining center) and to the st native fishing village of Patzquaro. Af visiting Mexico's most famous mineral sp San Jose Perua, the tourists travel to Cu navaca, stopping at the famous Tolu Indian Market. Next is an overnight vi at Hacienda Vista Hermosa, one of the fe remaining and regarded as the best mai tained of the old haciendas. After stops Taxco and the modern resort of Ixtapan la Sal, the group returns to Mexico City f the conference.

On Sunday the tour party leaves f Fortin de las Flores, in the tropical are Driving around the base of Mexico's hig est snow-clad peak, Orizaba, they come Mexico's most famous mineral spa, Penafi

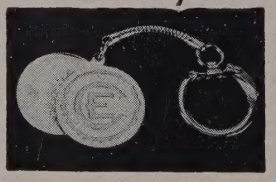
Next comes an interesting drive to Oaxa through Indian villages and markets by a conditioned special private buses.

After a visit to one of Mexico's olde cities, Puebla, the group takes a fast dri back to Mexico City to fly to Acapulco f two days. Returning to Mexico City's I ternational Airport for the farewell dinn Saturday afternoon, the tour group retur to Chicago by plane, arriving at dawn August 28.

Total cost of the all-expense, personal conducted tour is $625. Write for a detail itinerary.

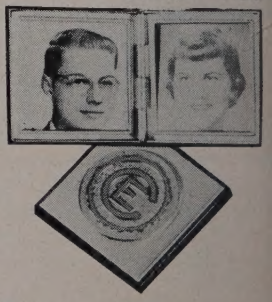
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OMING EVENTS r Your Prayer Calendar

ere is a list of Christian Endeavor con-ions and conferences scheduled to be during the next few months. Remember e events in your daily Quiet Hour.

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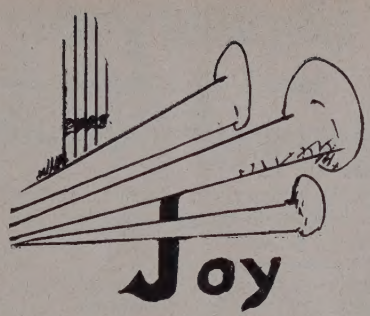
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With Young Adults

"Rejoice in the Lord!"

By Bert H. Davis

PAUL'S Epistle to the Philippians has been called "the book of joy." It was written by a prisoner in Nero's Rome, but the apostle has been set at liberty spiritually by Christ. "I have all," Paul writes, "and abound."

His message comes to a small body of earnest Christians in the old, renamed city of Philippi in Macedonia, now Greece. These converts from scanty resources sent gifts to Nero's prisoner. So do they witness for their unseen wealth, which is spiritual.

This flock in Philippi seems to have been the first Christian church in Europe. Acts 16 tells us of Paul's first visit to this community bearing the name of Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great. In Philippi Paul, with Silas, was briefly a prisoner. The Bible relates the release by earthquake, the warden's conversion, and confusion among the Roman authorities.

Paul visited Philippi and Macedonia five or six years later, while on his way to Jerusalem (Acts 20:1,2).

His epistle of good tidings begins with words on the *joy of Christian fellowship* (1:4,5) and the *joy of witnessing* (1:27-30). The *joy of obedience,* so characteristic of Paul's apostleship, is pictured in 2:3-15.

What could surpass, for Paul and his friends, the *joy of salvation through Jesus Christ* (3:9-14)? The life everlasting is a prime concern of Paul's; he is always trying to prepare Christ's followers for righteous living and for eternity (Acts 26:8; I Corinthians 15:20,21; II Corinthians 4:14; Colossians 3:4; I Thessalonians 4:14).

Consider too, Paul urges, the *joy of Christian fruitfulness* (4:9,10,13,17), which relates us again to the fellowship theme, completing Paul's circle of joy and thanksgiving.

In this letter Paul studies himself, reviewing a life that has been vigorous, controversial, and perilous. He lives daily with danger. From being a persecutor of Christians and hence respected by his own people, he has become an outcast preaching among the Gentiles. Now imprisoned, Paul still makes himself heard through his inspired epistles, a number of which have come down through the centuries in the New Testament shared by all Christian churches.

For Philippi and for our own communities he has this personal testimony:

"I have all, and abound. I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (In another translation, verse 13 of Chapter 4 reads, "Nothing is beyond my powers, thanks to the strength God gives me" [Knox].)

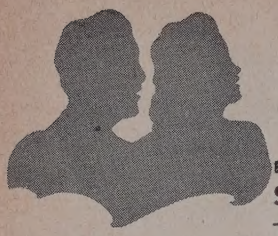
UNTIL almost the end of the letter Paul saves the thrilling message: "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household." The cupbearer to Nero, his sentinels and bodyguards, perhaps even the empress, are secretly Christians. They are in communication with Paul in prison. His prayers and his counsel and teachings are repeated in their secret devotional meetings and as they gather for the Lord's Supper.

Pagan Rome cannot defend itself—even the emperor's household—from Christ's call and the courageous response of those who accept Him. Rejoice, you in Philippi, the Cause of Christ triumphs!

Many were the sorrows of Jesus, principally when men were deaf and blind to the Father's love, yet He spoke often of joy in heaven and on earth because some believed and were fruitful. Refer to Matthew 18:13,14; Luke 6:23; 10:21; 15:7; John 15:10,11; 16:22-24.

"Be careful for nothing," the opening phrase of Philippians 4:6, has been sometimes translated, "Do not be anxious," or "Nothing must make you anxious." Find some of the words of Jesus having similar meaning. (A familiar verse is Matthew 6:34. See also John 14:1,27; Mark 13:11; Luke 8:7,14; Matthew 10:16-32.)

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," Paul said, as noted in Acts 20:35. How does Paul express this idea in his Epistle to the Philippians?



Blustery or Steady

No. 1 in a Series: "March Winds"

Ephesians 4:4-17; Daniel 3:13-18

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven**

Aim

To have a look at our disposition to see whether we are blustery like certain March winds, or whether we are steady and mature. This will be a study in Christian character.

Promotion

Advertise this series with a poster displayed in the lobby of your church depicting the winds of March. It might include a troubled sky, a tossing sea, and a ship with sails billowing or partly furled. At the top print "March Winds" and at the bottom give the weekly topic. This week it is "Blustery or Steady."

Leader's Introduction

The topics this month are the result of a discussion by a youth group about Christian Endeavor topics. Each bears some reference to the variable March winds and considers an important phase of Christian living.

The Blustery Wind

Two characteristics of the March wind that are found in people are that it is often blustery and sometimes steady. There are winds that spring up mysteriously, leave one hatless as they swirl past, and then disappear as suddenly as they came. Sometimes they change their course with great rapidity so that one cannot tell from which direction the wind is coming. Other winds are continuous and steady.

These characteristics are to be found in people around us and perhaps in ourselves as well. Some folks are blustery. Often they are impatient or impetuous as well. They blow up easily and sometimes suddenly, and in a little while the wind is gone.

What makes an individual blustery instead of steady? Fundamentally it is emotional immaturity. He has not learned to control his emotions, so he blows and blusters. All people have this characteristic as children but most of them overcome this and other weaknesses as they grow older. We expect these evidences of immaturity in children; in adults we do not.

Sometimes a blustery disposition is an evidence of a feeling of insecurity. A person feels unsure of himself but he does not want others to know it. If they should, it would mortify him. Hence he tries to cover over his weakness. He will hide it behind a false front, so he talks big and blows and blusters. A blustery disposition may also be due to conceit, or it may be the result of a moody disposition which has never been overcome. It is always a manifestation of thoughtlessness and lack of good judgment.

Blustery persons are not simply to be written off, however. Some of them are among our most useful citizens and church members. It would be well if this, their weakness, were overcome, but in spite of it they are valuable to church and society.

An outstanding Biblical example of a person with a disposition sometimes blustery is the Apostle Peter. He has been called the prince of the apostles and he seems to have been their leader for he is their spokesman and is named first. He has been characterized as "hopeful, bold, confident, courageous, frank, impulsive, energetic, vigorous, strong, and loving, and faithful to his Master, notwithstanding his defection prior to the crucifixion. It is true that he was liable to change and inconsistency, and because of his peculiar temperament he sometimes appeared forward and rash." Yet, as another writes, "his virtues and faults had their common root in his enthusiastic disposition," and his weaknesses were eventually overruled by the same divine grace that can transform us.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: **Sweet Hour of Prayer**
Scripture: Daniel 3:13-18; Ephesians 4:4-17
Hymn: **Give of Your Best to the Master**
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: **In the Service of the King**
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: **O Jesus, I Have Promised**
Benediction

The Steady Wind

Scripture exhorts Christians to "steady" living. The blustery wind is too uncertain, too changeable and unpredictable. Jesus wants His disciples to consider the cost of discipleship when they begin to follow Him (Luke 14:25ff.); he warns against momentary enthusiasm and short-lived faith (Luke 8:13). The Apostle writes that our speech should be gracious, "seasoned with salt" (Colossians 4:6), and that "we be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14), but that we "grow up" in Jesus Christ.

What do we mean by steadiness in character? We mean dependability, living consistently, not given to unpredictability or moodiness but being a person on whom one may count.

What qualities make for steadiness in life?

(1) *Faith in the living God is the greatest steadying influence.* When one's life is anchored in Him he can live consistently and dependably because the Holy Spirit dwells within him.

(2) *Directing one's life towards worthy purposes is another help.* Living for Christ and the Church, as Christian Endeavor teaches, is life's greatest stabilizer as it is life's greatest satisfaction. Lesser objectives relative to work, family and society take their place within these larger purposes.

(3) *Love.* When writing to the Colossians the apostle admonished them much concerning Christian behavior. Then he wrote, "Above all these things put on love which is the bond of perfectness" (Colossians 3:14). Love is the greatest gift a it enables one to be towards others as ought to be. When one is as he ought be he does not blow in gusty, blustery, predictable fashion but steadily and cons tently.

A Lesson from Washington

George Washington is justly reckon great for many reasons, but one of the m important reasons is not well known. Was ington ruled his own spirit. He was blustery but steady in disposition. Even a young man this was in evidence. He w by nature a spirited man with strong fe ings. He came from the aristocracy of day and was proud of his background a reputation. Yet he was also humble a knew how to live as a Christian.

One day he had an argument with young man which soon became a quarr Hot words flew between them as both you men temporarily let passion rule their spiri Finally the other youth knocked Washin ton down. This would be serious in o day but it was much more so in his da Then it was held that anyone worth his sa especially a "gentleman," would avenge insult like that with bloodshed. The co panions of the young men were excited a expected a duel to come out of the e counter. Both young men were known be brave and proud.

But the blow jarred young Georg memory. He decided to go home to thi things over. He tried to put himself in t other fellow's place to see how he wou feel if the insulting words he had us had been addressed to him. He was hone to acknowledge that he had used improp insulting language. Hard as it was, decided that he ought to apologize a purify his own spirit.

The next day he looked for the you man who had knocked him down. He fou him—in the midst of his friends ready George. All expected a challenge and renewal of the encounter. To their asto ishment Washington put out his hand to t other person, acknowledged his part in t wrong that had been done and asked pardon. The friendly and straightforwa appeal was surprising but met with an stant response. The other person put o his hand and the two became fast friend

An older person standing nearby wi nessed the meeting and remarked concer ing Washington, "That young chap w make a man—a great man—some day." was right. The Bible says, "He that rule his spirit is greater than he that taketh city." Every man, every young person, h trials, experiences that vex his spirit. T strong person, the mature person, learns govern his spirit.

Questions for Discussion

1. What evidences are there of bluste ness in all of us on occasion?
2. What can we do to overcome th weakness?
3. What are the liabilities of a bluste spirit?

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Blustery or Steady

No. 1 in a Series: "March Winds"

Ephesians 4:4-17; Daniel 3:13-18



or High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 6*

*Comments by Mrs. George West**

To point out the dangers of a change-
Christian life.
To show us the importance of a steady
tian life.
To remind us of our purpose in this

ertising the Meeting

ke a poster showing strong winds blow-
You may have trees blowing, leaves
g, girls' hair and skirts blowing, or
s flying. Add these words: "March
s, Blustery or Steady? Junior High
tian Endeavor, March 6, 1960. Time
place." Announce this in your church
in if possible. Make handbills to pass
t Sunday school and Junior High school.

ecration Service

is would make a delightful candlelight
cration meeting. After the topic has
presented, turn the lights low and
the leader a lighted candle. On the
should be a candle for each one who
s to participate. With dimmed lights
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As individuals come forward to give
testimony let each one light his own
e from the leader's candle. Soon the
will brighten with much candlelight.
may be on a volunteer basis or you
wish to call the roll, having each mem-
respond with a consecration verse or
mony, whichever he chooses.

tion: Ask several Quiet Hour members
ve one minute talks on how the Quiet
has helped them walk a steady life
Christ.

er's Introduction

ve you ever been in a sailboat on the
or lake, or the ocean on a windy March
Did you watch the sails as the wind
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ht and you moved along rapidly. Your
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as you would be forced to change
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vind in the sails. Then when it changed
you tacked again, back and forth,
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y be able to see your direction or goal.
the shifting, changeable winds you
fortunate to reach the other shore
al hours later.

ese same March winds that push your
oat swiftly and directly to your goal or
out of the sail, making you change
tion, often resemble our Christian lives.

First

Christians, we all have a goal in view.
destination is eternal life through a

West sponsors a college age Christian avor group at Brooklyn Heights Presby-n Church in San Diego, California, and has many offices in the state union.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Song: **If Your Heart Keeps Right**
Opening Prayer: Someone near back of room
Song Service: **Is It the Crowning Day? Living for Jesus; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**
Announcements
Offering with Music
Special Number
Topic Presentation
Song: **I Would Be Like Jesus**
Consecration Service by Candlelight: Testimonies or verses
Benediction

fullness of life in Jesus Christ. We will follow a course, each of us, to obtain this goal. For some it will be straight and easy, for others it will be crooked and hard. This is determined by our faith, objectives, and devotion toward God through His Son.

First we must have faith, for we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13). We must believe by faith. The course God would like us to take is direct to Him through our Lord Jesus. In this verse He promises to give us strength for this faith.

Just think, all our effort and energy will be useful and worthwhile if we are steady. On the other hand, if we are changeable, think of the many lost hours and the vast amount of energy displaced and wasted. Then turn your thoughts to the hours of blessing lost and the reward which is lessened.

Review Objectives

For this steady Christian life our objectives must be reviewed. What are our objectives in life? What is our purpose? Is our objective to have much material wealth? Is it to be the most popular in our class, or to be class president? Is this the most important thing in life? Or are we more concerned about serving God?

It's great for Christians to be leaders and we should all try to excel in whatever we are doing. But take caution that we are not pushing God aside for these things. Serve God first and then our friends and others. Live a life surrendered to God and our blessings will be so great and rich we will bubble with joy. This enthusiasm is catching and admired by all. God can use you as student body president, secretary or team captain if you don't squeeze Him out first. Claim Him and He will help you to be a better leader.

An inconsistent Christian life is painful, disappointing, and without blessing. Your heart will ache when your conscience is rejected. God will not be able to depend on you to show your friends and teachers the way of life everlasting.

A chain is as strong as its weakest link. You've heard this before. Are you a weak link or a strong link for the cause of Christ? Is your objective to serve Him or be out and out for yourself, regardless of how you may hurt others around you?

Serving Him

Let us see what the Scripture says about serving Him. I Samuel 7:3 and 12:14 say we must fear the Lord and serve Him for a steady Christian life. He gives us our choice. We must each make it for ourselves. Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13 tell us we cannot serve two masters. Joshua 24:15 indicates we must choose whom we serve. I Chronicles 28:9 says to serve with a perfect heart; 29:5 urges willingness to consecrate our service. John 12:26 is another good verse to review. Ephesians 6:7 tells us to do service as to the Lord. Galatians 5:13 exhorts us to love by serving one another. Next to God let us serve one another. Let us love not ourselves but rather put ourselves last. Serving others includes strangers, according to Jeremiah 5:19.

The Object of Our Devotion

May we consider and study devotion as an important phase in the steady Christian life. To whom or what are we devoted? Whom or what do we love? Are we devoted to some sin such as jealousy, lying, stealing, selfishness, worldly acclaim, hate instead of love, disobedience to our parents or God? Are we giving any of these an important place in our life? For what is our greatest love?

II Corinthians 5:14 says the love of Christ constrains us. If we truly love Christ, we cannot love sinful things. Matthew 24:12 informs us that the love of many shall wax cold. Our first devotion should be to God through Christ and then we must love others before ourselves (John 13:35; Mark 12:31).

Help Through the Quiet Hour

For that which we love we can find time. Can you imagine being in love with a fellow or girl and not wanting to spend time with him or her? You enjoy the company of those whom you love and want to be in their presence. If we love God most of all we want to spend much time with Him, talking and listening.

The more time you spend with someone, the better you know him and the sooner you learn to love that person. When you do all this you don't care to be separated. So it is with God. God speaks to us through His great Book, and we talk to Him in prayer. The more we communicate the better acquainted we become, learning to love Him more dearly.

Closing Thought

Be honest with yourself. Take inventory in these things and see what kind of a Christian life you are living. Is it blustery as the changeable March winds or steady like other winds in March?

Questions

1. If our Christian walk is steady, will God grant our every request?
2. Is it easy for a Junior High student to live a consistent Christian life?
3. Is a daily Quiet Hour necessary for a steady walk with Christ?



Is Your Speech an Ill Wind?

No. 2 in a Series: "March Winds"

James 3:1-13

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert**

Aims

To draw attention to unworthy uses of the tongue.

To develop an awareness of the constant temptation to abuse the power of the tongue.

To see how relevant the Bible is to this problem.

To cultivate a positive stewardship in the use of the tongue.

Program Suggestions

Use a picture in the worship center showing a youth leading a meeting, giving a testimony or participating in some other form of wholesome expression, like singing a solo.

Scripture Lesson: James 3:1-13.

Hymns may include *Are Ye Able, Said the Master; Give of Your Best to the Master; I Would Be Like Jesus;* and *Take My Life and Let It Be,* with special emphasis on Stanza 3.

Special Music might well include a solo expressing joy in witnessing.

The Tongue

Did you ever keep your tongue for one day, allowing it to speak no unkind, untrue, or unclean word; allowing it to utter no word about another's business, nor any judging, condemning, or critical word? Did you ever take an inventory at the end of the day?

The proverbs of many lands speak about the tongue. The Greeks said: "The boneless tongue, so small and weak, can crush and kill." Said the Turks: "The tongue destroys a greater horde than does the sword." The Persians claimed: "A lengthy tongue means an early death," and "Don't let your tongue cut off your head." From Arabia came this: "The tongue's greatest storehouse is the heart." This from the Hebrews: "Though your feet may slip, never let your tongue."

The sacred writers include many statements and admonitions about the tongue: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26). "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man" (James 3:2). "Who keeps his tongue, doth keep his soul" (Proverbs 21:23). "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life" (Proverbs 15:4).

Gossiping

Perhaps there is no area where our speech becomes an ill wind as readily as in the favorite pastime of so many, gossiping. The classic example of chicanery is found in Nehemiah 6:6. "It is reported"; "Gashmu saith it." This knavery is perhaps best summarized in the words heard every day, "They say."

A few years ago the bodies of a young Canadian mother and her 21-month-old daughter were washed up on the shores of Lake Ontario. A note had been left by the young mother, addressed to her parents, in which she said, "I am taking the baby with me. Gossip in this town has killed me and there is nothing for Carol to live for." This tragedy brought home to many minds the blighting, death-dealing forces that may be carried on the wings of gossip. Ironically, the newspaper in the town where the tragedy occurred uses the motto from Virgil's Aeneid, words signifying, "Rumor or gossip gathers strength as it moves." Thus, rumor and gossip may become malignant forces with the horror of a Frankenstein monster.

Not all gossip has such dramatic and tragic results, but the damage created is always irreparable.

Careless Talk

Many people who are quite trustworthy as custodians of some big, important secret would be indignant at the suggestion that they had not achieved mastery over their tongues. They overlook the fact that little trifling things that are repeated make as much mischief, perhaps, in the long run as do the big things that "leak out." The repetition of a bit of criticism or ridicule may make people laugh, but it won't make anybody happier.

It isn't enough to refrain from telling the things we are told not to tell. We must have judgment to tell nothing that we wouldn't like to have passed back and forth among our remotest acquaintances, and interpreted at will by them. Such small things may spoil friendship. There may be no quarrel, no outward break, but there is always an inward hurt which cannot be easily healed, and a friendship slowly dies. For the sake of capturing a momentary interest, a fleeting laugh, a light applause, one of the most precious things in life has been lost. If we always gave heed to the familiar saying, "Think before you speak," there would be few unconsidered words that give offense. No thoughtful Christian wishes to give offense or to hinder the spiritual growth of another, or retard the work of God's Church, but by being guilty of tale-bearing we do these very things.

From the Scriptures

Sometimes there are those who, because of jealousy or envy or desire for personal prestige, will deliberately undermine the character and work of another. The wise man in Proverbs (16:28) evidently l of such when he wrote: "A froward soweth strife: and a whisperer separ chief friends."

Paul, in Romans 1:29f lists 23 despic devilish works of Satan which man ch to carry out for him and in the midd these abominations he lists "Whisper This is Paul's name for those cowardly depraved souls who sneak around be other people's backs and tell tales calcul to do them harm and lower their star in society.

God, in speaking through Paul to T othy, states that we, as Christians, ar be an example of the believers "in w in conversation . . . ." We are also adm ished by Peter, "But as He which called you is holy, so be ye holy in all n ner of conversation." And Jesus, with graver portent, says, "But I say unto that every idle word that men shall sp they shall give account thereof in the of judgment."

Sybil Partridge in her beloved hy *Lord, For Tomorrow and Its Needs,* pr "Let me no idle word unthinking say: Thou a seal upon my lips through all tod

More Scriptural Help

The Scriptures are equally eloquent the positive side. In Proverbs 16:32 are assured that "He that is slow to a is better than the mighty; and he that ru his spirit than he that taketh a city." verse may be applied to self-control in things, but the wise man had in m chiefly self-restraint in speech, when an

"A word fitly spoken is like apples gold in pictures of silver," are the hi picturesque words in Proverbs 25:11. all know that out of the fullness of heart, the mouth speaks. For this rea the editors of the King James Ver headed the opening chapters of Prov "Instruction and exhortation to sons" w in 4:23 we read: "Keep thy heart with diligence; for out of it are the issues of l In other words, if our heart is right God, if we have experienced the clean of God's grace in Christ Jesus, the "iss of that heart will be clean.

Only God knows you better than you yourself. Is your speech an ill wind blows heartache, misery, profanity, slan or falsehood before it? This you must swer for yourself. Penitent commitmen yourself to your Saviour in this matter not be in vain, but will bring pardon of profane past, and overcoming power for future.

Truly, as James reminded us in the Sc ture lesson, a spring of salt water n gives forth fresh water, and the revers equally true. To insure the freshness of outflow of our lives, especially of our we need daily to pray with the psalm "Create in me a clean heart, O God; renew a right spirit within me" (Ps 51:10), and "Let the words of my mo and the meditation of my heart, be acc able in thy sight, O Lord, my stren and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Relate, if you can, an experience of your own when "a soft answer turned away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1).
2. Read Proverbs 17:27,28. From this, is it reasonable to infer that silence is always better than speech?
3. Give an example of an occasion when silence would certainly not be golden.
4. Discuss Proverbs 15:2 in relationship to people who pride themselves on being blunt and plain-spoken.
5. What is the relationship of the 3rd Commandment to this topic?
6. What is the relationship of the 9th Commandment to this topic?

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Is Your Speech an Ill Wind?

No. 2 in a Series: "March Winds"

James 3:1-13



or High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 13*

*Comments by Mary Lou Funk**

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Sunday morning have two members elephones present a dialogue to pro- nterest in the meeting.
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ome instances it may be wise for you up the discussion which follows the ons.

ested Program Outline

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That Beautiful Name and *I Need* s (one or two stanzas of each)

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Christ Is the Answer and *God's My Way*
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l Music: *Lord, Speak to Me That I Speak*
re: James 3:1-13
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Have Thine Own Way, Lord
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er's Introduction

e you ever said to yourself, "Now id I say that? I should have known would sound and how it would hurt or "I could bite my tongue off for that"?
many people say so many things they not to have said! Words are one of orst trouble-makers in all the world. y few people have learned the secret ays saying the right thing to the right at the right time. Consequently they e source of many troubles to them- and to others. Proverbs 21:23 says, o keepeth his mouth and tongue h his soul from troubles."

gue

or: Joy, Sally, and Carla are on their o school. Joy is walking along, hum- a cheery Gospel chorus. Sally and are walking behind Joy. Carla Cut- oints to Joy's skirt and then says to loud enough that Joy hears it,

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AIMS

1. To recognize that one of our greatest problems is words that are like an ill wind.
2. To evaluate our words.
3. To consider why our words are sometimes like a March wind.
4. To consider how our words can be ones that help rather than hurt.

Carla Cutting: Well, Sally, let your big, blue, beautiful eyes take a look at that. She's finally wearing a different skirt. I wonder which rummage sale it came from.

Narrator: Now the scene changes to a schoolroom. Sam Snoop, Gary Gossip and Joy are seated. As Joy starts to leave the room, Sam Snoop leans toward Gary Gossip and whispers loudly,

Sam Snoop: What's that you heard about Joy?

Gary Gossip: (putting hand by side of face) I heard her dad's just been arrested.

Narrator: Coming out of school that evening, Isabell Insincere meets Joy and says to her,

Isabell Insincere: Oh—eh—Joy, I'm so sorry about your father.

Narrator: Then Isabell Insincere hurries on ahead of Joy to walk with Carla Cutting to whom she says,

Isabell Insincere: I'd be ashamed to show my face at school if I were such a "raggedy ann" and my dad a thief.

Narrator: On their way home from school, Carrie Cold and Harry Heartless talk about Joy.

Carrie Cold: I can't see why all the fuss about Joy and her old man. Everybody's known for a long time they're practically ready for the poorhouse.

Harry Heartless: Yeh! So what if she does have to go to an orphanage? What do we care?

Narrator: If the Lord Jesus would talk to Carla Cutting, Sam Snoop, Gary Gossip, Isabell Insincere, Carrie Cold, and Harry Heartless, here's what He might say to each of them.

(Have all lights out except those in the very front of the room, or have all lights out and use a spotlight. One by one have these persons come and stand in front. As the Voice of Jesus speaks to each of them, they drop their head in shame.)

Voice of Jesus: Carla, Joy wasn't thrilled over wearing that one blue plaid skirt so often. And she really would like to have had a new one rather than the old one someone gave her. I hope you realize that you didn't make things any easier and any more pleasant by your remark this morning.

Perhaps my friends at this meeting can give you further explanations that will help you to not want to make any more such cutting remarks.

Narrator: (Address these questions, one at a time, to all members of the society for their discussion.) What if Carla's family should, through some disaster, become poor, how would she feel about such remarks? How important is it to have many clothes and the latest styles? What might Carla have done for Joy instead of criticizing her clothes? Why didn't she?

Voice of Jesus: (Carla is seated and Sam Snoop comes to the front) Sam, if you really wanted to know the truth about Joy's father, why didn't you ask her or someone whose word you can depend on. You know the things Gary tells are often less than even half truth.

Voice of Jesus: (to Gary Gossip) Gary, I hope when you learn that the police were at Joy's house to talk to her father, but not to arrest him, that you'll correct your statement to Sam.

And Gary, not just for her sake, but for your sake and many other persons, I hope you'll listen carefully to the advice of these young people.

Narrator: (Address these questions to the members for their discussion.) What is gossip? Why is gossiping like throwing mud? Do you want a gossiper for your friend? Why not? What harm is there in gossiping? Why do people gossip?

Voice of Jesus: (to Isabell Insincere) Isabell, I know that you didn't mean what you said to Joy this afternoon. And I'm very sorry that you didn't.

Narrator: Why do people say things they really don't mean?

Voice of Jesus: (to Carrie Cold and Harry Heartless) Your words to each other reveal how very selfish you are and how thoughtless and unconcerned you are about others. I do hope both of you will profit from the suggestions of this Christian Endeavor group.

Narrator: What makes people cold and heartless, with little or no concern for the happiness of others?

Closing Moments

Tonight we've considered some of the uses of our tongue which create unhappiness and ill-will.

Sometimes we speak too hurriedly. Then we're embarrassed or sorry for what we've said, and wish that we'd thought before we spoke.

But most of the time when we speak words that hurt others, it's because our hearts are not completely yielded to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, " . . . out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

Will you now yield your life to Christ and ask Him to guide and control every part of it, including your tongue?

James wrote, "The tongue can no man tame . . . " (James 3:8). It's true we can't tame an unruly tongue—but *God* can!

The Stinging Plant

In Australia there is a plant called the stinging plant. It looks harmless. But if you touch it, you will be pricked by the poison spines. At first it causes severe pain. Even weeks afterwards, if water touches the spot, it will mean agony. Stinging tongues are like that. They produce pain, the effects of which last for a long time.



Winds of Destruction

No. 3 in a Series: "March Winds"

Proverbs 1:27-33; Acts 5:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Rev. Andrew White**

Purpose of This Session

Self-control is one of the most precious of all possessions. This session should lead members to recognize that God has equipped every human being with a reasonable abundance of controls which he himself can apply. To ignore these God-given controls means not only self-destruction, but pain and suffering to others also.

Planning the Session

Plans for this session should include special assignments to several individuals to read and report on the character of Ananais and Sapphira, and some of their contemporary counterparts.

Leader's Introduction

Our topic tonight is "Winds of Destruction" and before we go further, let's find out a bit about these great winds that roam our earth.

Hurricanes and typhoons are the same kind of storms. The hurricane is the big wind that is most common in the Atlantic Ocean area and the Gulf of Mexico. The typhoon has its beginnings in the Pacific Ocean near Formosa and the Philippines.

Scientists who study these storms have estimated that the violence of a moderate hurricane or typhoon is equal to the energy output of a continuous explosion of 1000 atomic bombs a minute. That's really powerful and makes man's "mighty" weapon look something like a firecracker beside a great cannon.

The tornado is a baby brother to the hurricane and results from the warm moist air of the Gulf of Mexico meeting the cool dry air from Canada. Although considered one of the smallest of storms, for its size it is one of the most destructive.

Tonight we are considering our lives and the forces which sweep over us, like these winds of destruction.

The Nature of Man

It is not possible to fully consider the nature of man in this one session, but after talking about it together we might arrive at some helpful conclusions.

Let us begin by recognizing that man is by nature a physical being. The Bible supports this conclusion by informing us that God "formed man of the dust of the ground . . ." We do not need to engage in any lengthy discussion to convince ourselves that by nature we are physical beings. As such we strive not only to protect our bodies from danger, but we crave physical delights.

To recognize that we are by nature physical beings is but one step in the right direction. Just as we are by nature physical beings we are also by nature spiritual beings. As such we can never be satisfied by material things alone. "Man cannot live by bread alone" is a spiritual fact which we must not ignore.

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IT IS HARD—

To forget.
To forgive.
To apologize.
To take advice.
To admit error.
To be unselfish.
To save money.
To be charitable.
To avoid mistakes.
To keep out of the rut.
To make the best of little things.
To shoulder blame.
To keep your temper at all times.
To begin all over again.
To maintain a high standard.
To keep on keeping on.
To think first and act afterwards.
BUT IT PAYS!

Man's Sad Mistake

Because man is so physical and depends so much on physical things for his existence, many have made the sad mistake of overemphasizing the physical and underemphasizing the spiritual. They have failed to recognize that the spiritual and intangible is as real as the physical and tangible. Because of this mistake many have failed to acknowledge the part which God plays in the life of every human being. This is truly a sad, sad mistake. It is the kind of mistake that unless corrected will destroy him who makes it.

Human Resources for Self-Control

In addition to being a physical and spiritual being, man is also an object of divine concern. God was so determined that man should be a free moral agent that in creating him He endowed him with certain inner powers by which to govern himself. When man uses these God-given powers adequately, his life counts for something worthwhile. When he fails to use these powers he makes a mess of his own life and of the lives of those around him.

One of the powers which God has given to man is the power to think. Thoughtlessness has wrecked many potentially fruitful lives. Many promising young people have gone thoughtlessly into forbidden paths. If they had used their minds and counted the cost they might have checked themselves. When we fail to "think without confusion, clearly" we are headed for trouble which might eventually destroy us.

Ambition Can Be Holy

When God created man He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The very fact that God made us in His own image means that we have something within us that makes us want to succeed and achieve; that makes us want to become great. If this is what we mean by ambition then we must agree that ambition is a holy quality.

But why is it that some people are destroyed because they are so ambitious? The answer is that they have misused ambition. In their desire to achieve have lost control of themselves and stomping upon others in their climb ward. Whenever our ambition leads mistreat other people it is leading our own destruction.

The Hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira

In the story of Ananias and Sapphi see two people who pretended to be they were not in order to bring hono fame unto themselves. They were crites who tried to use a good caus their own selfish gain. Their hearts not in the cause and it would have better for them to admit that they wer interested than to pretend. Dishonesty most destructive vice. Honesty is a which will help to build the good life.

The Growing Christian

II Peter 3:18 tells us to "keep on ing in grace and in the knowledge o Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The converted Christian is always tryin strengthen his spiritual life. He recog that there are areas of his life which h not fully surrendered to God. As lon these areas are unsurrendered they are controlled. It is only when we surre our lives completely to God that He exert the control over us which we d

We Cannot Control Ourselves

It is well for us to know that in of all of the human endowments which have from God, we do not have en will power to properly control ourse We can only be properly controlled we surrender ourselves to God and a Him to enthrone Himself in our lives.

St. Paul recognized the weakness of man beings when he said in Romans 7 20: "For I do not the good I want, the evil I do not want is what I do. if I do what I do not want, it is no lo I that do it, but sin which dwells wi me." The fact that we are sinners weak us and leaves us open for the wicked of Satan to influence us. Our only salva then is to follow the advice of the psal who said, "Commit thy way to the L trust also in Him; and He shall bring i pass."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Singing Period
Prayer
Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Scripture: Philippians 2:9-15
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Scripture Verses (by memory)
Special Music
General Introduction of Topic by Lead
Discussion of Topic
Summary by Leader
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Benediction

Winds of Destruction

No. 3 in a Series: "March Winds"

Proverbs 1:27-33; Acts 5:1-11



or High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 20*

*omments by Roberta Carrington**

liken certain traits in our lives (pre- g, neglecting, wavering) to the de- ve winds that damage property and ives.

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your poster letter the following: NING! HURRICANE HEADED R WAY! TONIGHT Christian En- r ____p.m.

er's Introduction

may or may not be personally ac- ted with the big winds of destruction, urely you have heard about hurricanes, ons and tornadoes. Almost everyone een a little whirlwind as it moves across hoolyard or field, picking up papers leaves and dropping them a few feet er on. No matter how much or how you know about these winds, you will y agree that they are powerful and erious.

e may never have to experience a hur- e or tornado and see our earthly be- ngs torn away from us, but many times ung people and later as adults we may our lives buffeted by spiritually de- tive winds. Let's talk about some of e treacherous gales.

#1—Pretending

anias and Sapphira were just people you and me. They owned "a posses- " Maybe it was land, or a house, or lry, or even a valuable animal. What- it was, it was something they could for money.

hese two lived in a very exciting time. s had been crucified, had risen from the e, had appeared to His disciples several s, and had gone up to heaven in a d. Ten days later on what we know he Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost d the disciples so that they were able peak the languages of all the people living in Jerusalem and tell them about s. And many who heard about Him eved and became followers.

hese people all agreed that whatever owned would belong to the group. y who owned property and houses sold n and brought the money to the apostles e used to take care of the needs of all believers who had banded together.

anias and Sapphira were a part of this usiastic group and they rushed out to this possession. But they only *pretended* ive all that they had received for it.

hey wanted to be counted as Christians they were not willing to give all of r earthly possessions. And who would w just how much they received for their perty? Surely not the apostles. But God w! And their greed and act of pretend- to be sincere followers of Christ de- yed them, for God took their lives right

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service
Announcements and Offering
Sentence Prayers
Leader's Introduction
Scripture: Acts 5:1-11
Talk #1 (Pretending)
Scripture: Hosea 8:1,7; Hebrews 2:1-3
Talk #2 (Neglecting)
Scripture: James 1:6
Talk #3 (Wavering)
Sponsor's Summary
Benediction

then so that they would be an example to others of God's displeasure with pretending.

Is the wind of pretending blowing up a storm in your life? Are you really the Christian you ought to be, every day of the week? Have you given all of your life to Him, or are you holding back a portion like Ananias and Sapphira? This pretending to be something that you really are not can be a most destructive wind in your life—wrecking not only your testimony to others, but leading them astray and possibly blowing them off God's course for their lives.

Talk #2—Neglecting

Another wind that blows across our lives is the destructive wind of neglect. In the Old Testament book of Hosea, Chapter 8, we read that God reproached Israel for forgetting Him, and said, "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." Over in the New Testament, Hebrews 2:1-3, we again hear about neglect when it says "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?"

The wind of neglect can find its way into our lives in so many ways. First we can neglect God by not believing in Him and by not accepting Christ as our personal Saviour. Surely this will one day bring destruction, for God's word says, "How shall we escape"! It may not be today or tomorrow. Nobody knows when or why a hurricane comes, but they do come and scientists tell us no two hurricanes are ever alike. So this wind of destruction, neglecting to accept Christ, will someday blow down upon us. The question is, are you safe in His everlasting arms, or are you on your own in the path of sure destruction!

Those who have accepted Christ can feel the chill wind of neglect blowing down their necks too. For often we forget to pray and read our Bibles which is our only means of keeping in touch with Him. Certainly we know Him, but how well?

If a new boy comes into your class at school and you are introduced, how well do you know him if you only exchange names? How well do you know him if you only speak when you pass in the school corridor? You must spend some time with this person to really know him. You eat lunch together, play games together, walk home from school together and you talk with each other! Suddenly you have a friend! Now if you start to neglect this friend, to be too busy to play games or to walk home together, or to talk with each other, what happens? Your friendship falls apart! The wind of neglect has swept aside this warm feeling you had for each other.

This can happen in your relationship with Christ. Remember what Hosea said about Israel, "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." Don't let the whirlwind of neglecting Christ be your reward.

Talk #3—Wavering

The story is told of a weather forecaster who was called on the phone after hurricane warnings had been issued on the west coast of Florida. A man said in an anxious tone that he had 1500 unfenced cattle near the shore and what should he do? Without hesitation, the forecaster said, "Get them away from the water and behind a fence. This storm will go south of you. There will be strong, offshore gales and the cattle will walk with the wind and go right out into the water and drown if there is no fence."

Sometimes we are like cattle, driven by the wind and we go the way of least resistance, even if it means drowning ourselves in the sea of indifference. We waver and falter along life's road and if the wind of popularity or being one of the crowd blows a little strongly upon us, we can so easily become like cattle going with the wind. James tells us that "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

This surely, too, is a wind of destruction —not being sure of our stand for Christ and not being willing to make it a firm stand. What if the wind of public opinion blows around you? Which is more important—God's opinion or that of the person next to you at school or play?

Counselor's Summary

Who made the wind? In Amos 4:13 we read " . . . he that formeth the mountains and createth the wind . . . the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name." Yes, God made these winds, the winds of destruction as well as the pleasant, balmy breezes. They are part of His creation just as we are. Surely He never meant for man to be blown off the face of the earth, but rather that man take the proper precautions to prevent destruction of his life and property.

So also we need to take precautions to prevent the destruction of our spiritual lives by the winds of pretending, neglecting, and wavering. Have you put up your storm windows (taken Christ as Saviour), placed your cattle behind fences (found protection in God's Word and prayer), and given God the first place in your life?

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Showers of Blessing

No. 4 in a Series: "March Winds"

Ezekiel 34:25-31

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Rev. George L. Weaver**

For the Leader

On a relay team, the anchor man has a most important position: he either holds or loses the lead his team may have taken or he has the last opportunity to close the gap and win the race.

In a way, you are the anchor man for this series of topics. Others have led discussions centering around the theme of "March Winds." So far, these winds have been destructive in nature. But just as storm clouds turn silver and the blustery winds become gentle breezes, so blow the winds of life. As into every life there come the times of tempest, so also come the showers of blessing. This is your topic: to show the wonderful care of God in bringing the gentle winds with their showers of His grace into our lives.

What this topic will mean to your society depends upon you. It can be "just another meeting" with a dull time of someone reading this part and some other person reading another *OR* it can be a time of real encouragement and challenge. It's up to you!

Begin work on this topic early. Choose those who will share the program with you and brief them on what they are to do. Be sure to follow up on this before the time for the program to see if they are prepared.

Plan your publicity. This topic is a "natural" for good posters and promotion materials. A few suggestions are: posters showing clouds spreading showers over fields just beginning to show signs of spring life; or posters with a forecast of the weather, "Warmer with Showers," etc.; don't forget an announcement for the church bulletin and spot announcements in the church school sessions on Sunday morning.

Setting the Scene (by the leader)

The leader should take a moment here to review the high lights of the previous topics in this series. Remember that you have been discussing March winds. These winds have been used as a basis for a discussion of our lives and what we ought to be. Sum them up along with their applications for an introduction of the topic.

Introducing the Topic

The emphasis in this topic is upon the fair winds which follow in the wake of the storms and the gentle showers which they bring.

In introducing the topic, reference can be made to the Chinook winds which mark the advent of spring in the northwest. These gentle winds bring warmth from the south; they mark the beginning of the melting of the ice in the rivers; they bear moisture which brings gentle showers to nourish the growth of grass and trees.

This illustration of the Chinook winds can then be applied to the truth of God's providential care for man. Just as these gentle, warm, life-giving winds come in the spring following the rigors of winter, so come God's gentle showers of blessings upon our lives.

The Scripture lesson for this topic is a vivid example of this truth. Here can be told the story of Ezekiel and his people.

In the year 597 B.C., some ten thousand Jews were singled out to be deported from their homeland. Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon, had easily become the conqueror of Judah. Among those singled out to be sent from Judah to Babylonia was a young man named Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, a priest.

Some four years later, Ezekiel received a call from God to prophesy, to talk to the exiles concerning God's plan for them. The vision of his call came during a thunder squall which swept across the valley near the river of Chebar.

Ezekiel was a prophet of hope. Because of their sin, the people of Judah had been judged of God. He had allowed them to be overcome but He had not forsaken them. Our lesson is the promise of God to them concerning a covenant of peace. The covenant included the promise of a return to their homeland and the physical blessings of good crops, etc.

In this promise, God prompted Ezekiel to use the words, "showers of blessing." From the Scripture lesson, it should be pointed out what these showers of blessing would mean to the people of God and that they were the gift of God. Note that the section closes with the words, "I am your God, saith the Lord God."

Applying the Topic to Our Lives

It is one thing to note what God has done for others; it is another thing to apply that truth to ourselves. Below are a series of presentations of certain "winds" which will bring showers of blessing into our lives.

Those presenting these subtopics should use the comments as springboards for their own thinking since the comments are not intended to be complete.

The Winds of Faithfulness

The writer of Lamentations expressed great sorrow over the plight of Israel. But in the midst of his grief he saw the glimmer of a great truth. He expressed it thus, "The Lord's . . . compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-24).

Other verses can also be chosen with aid of a concordance which show the fulness of God. Each illustration of faithfulness leads to the same conclu His grace and love are the motives cause Him to shower blessings upon u our works or worthiness. But this w be certain of, if we wait upon God great faithfulness will bring, in the ti His choice, showers of blessings upon

But the "winds of faithfulness" not spring from God, they must awaken breezes within our own lives which wil to the showers.

For instance, the importance of our fulness can be emphasized here. The of Deuteronomy quotes God as saying, doctrine shall drop as the rain, my s shall distil as the dew, as the small upon the tender herb, and as the sh upon the grass" (Deuteronomy 32:2). can we receive the "showers" of revelation of Himself, however, if w not faithfully participate in the instru of the Sunday school, the worship e ences of our church, and the prayer training services of Christian Endeavo

The Winds of Steadfastness

Attention should be called to the fastness of God's love. It does not according to our circumstances or res to His will. God's love is enduring eternal.

But our receptiveness to that love personal matter. The showers of His may fall upon stony, barren soil if w not open our lives to Him. The pres tion of this phase of the topic should lenge each Endeavorer to respond in fastness to the will of God.

Such a response will enable the sh of God to nourish each in faith and dev loyal service to Christ and the Church

Sharing the Showers

Just as the grass which springs up be the showers is eaten by cattle whic turn provide milk and meat to satisfy needs, so the blessings of the showe God must be shared with others.

The leader should point out that a have received showers of compassio must we be compassionate; that just a are the objects of God's love, so mus love; that even as God has revealed self to us, so must we reveal Him t all men.

For Discussion

At this point, the leader for the should lead the group in a discussio the above and how it meets the nee youth today. In a world of uncert does it mean anything to young peop know that God is faithful, that He is s fast? Does it mean anything to you in a world of seemingly little purpose, calls for you to share the showers of ing to the uttermost parts of the wor

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

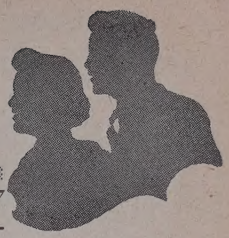
Pre-Prayer Service
Musical Prelude
Hymns: **My Faith Looks Up to Thee and Great Is Thy Faithfulness**
Special Music: **There Shall Be Showers of Blessing**
Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 34:25-31
Prayer Time
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: **I Love to Tell the Story**
Presentation of the Topic
Hymn: **Give of Your Best to the Master**
Closing Moments by the Leader
Benediction

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Showers of Blessing

No. 4 in a Series: "March Winds"

Ezekiel 34:25-31



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*nments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy**

are a Living Program

possible, fix a background which gives ppearance of the sky. Over part of the aint dark clouds which are approach- ome mountains. Then paint a picture ie sun coming out from under the s. You can even use this type of set- for the publicity of your meeting.

r small pluggers prepare pictures of the bout two inches in diameter, with in- ation about the meeting printed on

ler's Introduction

night we are going to open our book e, the heart, and study a little geo- hy. Most of us have been caught in g showers. They can come hard and or they may come slow and easy. Most ers are usually engulfed by wind.

we know, the different temperatures rain to come. Clouds pick up moisture then as the wind moves them over land lose their moisture as they become r. We also know that as the wind s over land and comes to a mountain, louds are forced to go up. This sends rain because of the cooling of the air.

ur spiritual lives are the same; when we to a mountain that we have to cross eave showers fall around us. If we are Jesus they will be showers of blessings.

ie winds of March make us think of power of God. It is one of God's ings He placed here for us. Science us that without the air which forms a protective blanket around the earth sun's rays would burn us to a crisp n minutes at noonday. At night, the of the earth would escape freely, ing everything, shrinking everything, cating all forms of life on our planet there would be no sound, for sound ly invisible ripples of air against the ums and auditory nerves in your ears.

om this quiet air blanket we can quick- nd the wild winds which we studied t last week, one of which could be the cane. As it tears over the water of the n it expends enough energy in one day in all the power plants in the world everal years; yet in the eye of the hur- e fishing crews have been observed bathing. So is our life when we love and follow Him as our Saviour. Storms be all around us but we feel only the ers of blessings.

ie showers that accompany these warm ls bring growth to the flowers, trees, and . They help life to exist on the earth. us consider some types of spiritual rains winds that can be a blessing if used. Bible sets forth some blessings if we . Our speakers will be referred to as drops."

Hirschy is pastor of the Oakdell United hren in Christ Church, a new congregation ayton, Ohio.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service by Couples (Go two by two to some part of the meeting room and then pray for each other and the meeting)
Chorus Time (at least five choruses)
Guided Prayer (one-minute prayers)
Announcements
Offering
Special Music: **There Shall Be Showers of Blessings**
Leader's Introduction of the Topic
The Program: Participation by Raindrops
Hymn: **Sunshine in the Soul**
Closing Prayer of Dedication

The Raindrop of Prayer

If we study the life of Jesus we find that He prayed all night. Usually before His greatest work He would try to go to some spot and pray. But the greatest blessing He received was in the garden when He finally prayed, "Not My will, but Thine." The greatest blessing we will ever receive is when we give our life in prayer and can say, "Not my will, but Thine."

Martin Luther was known to pray from three to four hours on the days that he had the most to do. The great blessings we receive when we talk to our Father give us courage to live a life that is an example.

The Raindrop of Loyalty

If we were all loyal to Christian Endeavor our group would grow by leaps and bounds, and we would all get under the showers of blessing. Too many go just when it works into their plans.

Have you ever felt that your group was not interesting? Have you been loyal to your meetings? How long has it been since you have helped in the program with special music or prayer? Maybe the showers would fall upon everyone and the meeting become more alive if we each did our part.

The story is told of a pastor who was delivering a message on the "Moving Church." He said, "This church has to walk." The group said, "Amen." The pastor said, "This church has to run." They replied, "Let her run." The pastor said, "For her to run it takes money." Their reply was, "Let her walk."

Too many of us would like to receive a shower of blessing, but don't want to get into position for the shower to hit us.

The Raindrop of Love

In I Corinthians 13, Paul paints a great picture of how we can really get spiritually soaked. It is not by our good looks, not by our works, not by our gifts to each other or the church, but by love.

To many young people love means only, "What can I benefit from it for myself?" We help others only in hope of receiving help for ourselves. We give others gifts only in hope that they will give us a gift in return. We give to missions only because someone has asked us to. We do not see the showers of blessing that our small gift might give to some poor, hungry, sin-sick boy or girl in a lost nation or home. When about one-half of the world is hungry can we really love and still complain about the food the Lord's showers have provided for us?

The Raindrop of Joy for the Believer

As we continue to look into the March winds we see another drop of rain falling upon the greening grass and budding flowers. It is the drop of joy. As this drop hits the waiting face of its destination, it splashes all around and helps growth immediately. Joy is catching; it creates success wherever it is found. In Philippians 3:3, Paul gives the source of this drop of joy, "Rejoice in Christ Jesus." The hymn writer gives the prescription for medicine that will cure the sad heart in the words, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."

The removal of the guilt feeling gives room for joy. Just as the dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day, so we can rejoice for all the goodness that Jesus has given to us. What did Peter record in I Peter 1:8 as one key to real joy? Psalm 32:1 records, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." With this type of joy the winds of doubt, hate, sadness and emptiness will pass away.

The Raindrop of Hope

Paul always said, "We live by hope." The showers of blessings will fall all around if we have hope in a full life and hope of a life that will live on forever. This raindrop came to us by our guide to the living waters, Jesus Christ. He said that we would be in the water forever. No floods running out of control, but rivers of water under control, running through dry lands of sin, giving a fresh look to all we touch, see and help.

By the raindrop of hope we can have victory over temptations. In I Corinthians 10:13 we find there that there is escape from every temptation. Do we feel that this is true? Why does it sometimes seem that we cannot escape the temptations around us?

Questions for Group Discussion

1. Is it important to pray every day to receive a shower of blessing?
2. Name some blessings that the Lord showers upon us and then ask the question, "How can we lose them?"
3. Can you love other boys or girls if you know they don't like you? How?
4. How can our blessings lead other Junior Highs to Jesus Christ as their Saviour?
5. How loyal do I have to be to receive blessings?

Life Problem

There is a Christian woman bedfast from a stroke; she cannot walk but can talk and hear very well. Her husband is not a Christian and was injured in an accident. How can the blessings of Junior Highs help both this man and woman? Have you ever thanked the Lord for good health?

BEGINNINGS

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tence of prayer to help us to be faithful followers of Him to whom we have already given ourselves. Certainly any one of us could say, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. I ask this for Jesus' sake, Amen.' There are so many Bible prayers that we can offer sincerely! Or we can any of us repeat a Bible verse, and in just a few words tell why we have chosen it or how it has helped us." Before long, two or three girls agreed to sign the book and others soon followed.

In the meantime the pastor and Mr. Pennell, teacher of a Bible Class for young men, had been talking with the boys, and finally Mr. Pennell stepped forward and signed the constitution, challenging his boys to follow him, which several did at once, and soon a good many boys and girls had signed.

I think that nearly all who were present that first evening signed the constitution, and many others followed not long after.

The Constitution also required that once a month an "Experience meeting" (now usually called the Consecration Meeting) should be held, at which each member should speak of his progress in the Christian life, and any one obliged to be absent from that meeting should send his reason for absence.

On Friday evening came the first Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. It was a wonderful meeting. Nearly a hundred young people were there, all of them more or less afraid of what was before them, but most of them Christian young people who were ready to speak a word for their Lord as they had promised. There were no pauses in that meeting. Indeed, there seemed to be hardly time enough for all to speak who were ready. There were no long speeches or long prayers, but plenty of simple testimonies, often in boyish phrases, but all of them simple and earnest. Mr. Granville Staples, who had been elected president, was leader. There was hearty, earnest singing, and there were short prayers, and each one who spoke gained new strength himself, and helped all the others, and as we talked together after the meeting I think we were all better friends and better Christians.

As the weeks went on the Society grew in power and in numbers, and became better organized. Through the various committees —Look-out, Prayer Meeting, Social, Music and Missionary—the young people were set to work, and the Society became a real power for good.

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Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hou



Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for March, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Feb. 29. Unmovable. I Corinthians 15:57,58.
T., Mar. 1. Steadfast in Trial. Daniel 3:14-18.
W., Mar. 2. Good to Be Established. Hebrews 13:5-9.
T., Mar. 3. Gad-abouts. Jeremiah 2:31-37.
F., Mar. 4. Under Threats. Acts 20:17-24.
S., Mar. 5. Pray and Trust. James 1:2-8.
Sun., Mar. 6. Topic — Blustery or Steady. Ephesians 4:4-17; Daniel 3:13-18.
M., Mar. 7. Idle Words. Matthew 12:32-37.
T., Mar. 8. Non-Comforting Words. Job 16:2-7.
W., Mar. 9. Malicious Words. III John 9-11.
T., Mar. 10. Irritating Words. Proverbs 15:1-7.
F., Mar. 11. Irreverent Words. Malachi 3:13-15.
S., Mar. 12. Insincere Words. II Peter 2:1-3.
Sun., Mar. 13. Topic—Is your Speech an Ill Wind? James 3:1-13.
M., Mar. 14. The Whirlwind. Proverbs 10:23-25.
T., Mar. 15. Woe for Forgetting God. Isaiah 17:10-14.
W., Mar. 16. Judgment. Jeremiah 30:18-24.
T., Mar. 17. Woe—Remember. Jude 11-17.
F., Mar. 18. The Storm. Mark 4:35-41.
S., Mar. 19. Destruction or Redemption. Philippians 3:17-21.
Sun., Mar. 20. Topic—Winds of Destruction. Proverbs 1:27-33;Acts 5:1-11.
M., Mar. 21. Teachings of God. Deuteronomy 32:1-4.
T., Mar. 22. Prayer for Righteousness. Psalm 72:1-6.
W., Mar. 23. Follow God. Hosea 6:3.
T., Mar. 24. Joy of Salvation. Psalm 51:12-19.
F., Mar. 25. Coming of the Spirit. Isaiah 32:13-20.
S., Mar. 26. Zion's Blessings. Joel 2:16-24.
Sun., Mar. 27. Topic—Showers of Blessing. Ezekiel 34:25-31.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

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nuary 11 Mrs. Ernest S. Marks, long-Michigan Christian Endeavor leader member of the Board of Trustees of nternational Society, died suddenly. al services were held January 14 at ninster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. was the wife of Ernest S. Marks, who ore than 20 years was general secretary Michigan Union and who also served ld secretary, extension secretary, and ate general secretary of the Inter-al Society. Immediate survivors in-two daughters, Barbara and Doris, living in the Detroit area.



s of the Chicago 1961 Convention program he main topic of conversation when Dr. W. Gates (left), program committee chair-and Herbert S. Tanis, chairman of the go Convention Committee, get together. are shown at a recent luncheon meeting of xecutive group of the committee in Colum-Ohio, where plans were laid for another nding International Christian Endeavor ention when delegates meet in the Windy uly 5-8, 1961.

ays to advertise!" is the theme of New nd Endeavorers, who have placed tian Endeavor advertisements in de-national magazines. Over fifty inquiries been received from ministers, youth rs, and others and at least twelve new ties have been formed (four Church ngland, six Presbyterian, one Baptist, one Church of Christ). At the last onal Executive Meeting the first Church ngland Christian Endeavor Society in Zealand was registered.

A shack on the church lawn, and a concerted publicity campaign using flyers, bulletins, announcements and a thermometer helped the members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Brighton Reformed Church, Rochester, New York, raise $642.27 for Reformed Church World Service to aid refugees. The adviser, George Field, reports that the group built a shack on the lawn in front of their beautiful new church building, creating quite a contrast. One of the members, Larry Doell, made a model shack which was displayed in the narthex of the church. This project was sparked by an article in their denominational paper, THE CHURCH HERALD, on the needs of world refugees.

Endeavorers in the Caroline Islands recently met together at Ponape for a three-day Christian Endeavor rally. Dr. Harold F. Hanlin is field superintendent of the Micronesia Mission there and an active leader of the Christian Endeavor program in the Islands.

In Lake Valley, New Mexico, (about 60 miles southwest of Truth or Consequences) there stands today a dilapidated building, a monument to the Christian Endeavor society which existed there for more than 40 years. In 1896 the idea was brought from Iowa and a group was organized by five women. The society bought a rooming house and put in a new floor, painted the front of the wooden building, covered the walls with oil cloth, secured seven coal oil lamps, and provided chairs. In the rear of the building were living quarters for preachers who stopped in Lake Valley. Dues at that time were ten cents monthly. Ordinarily a leader for the Sunday evening service was chosen from among the members. It might be a child of 12 or it might be one of the visiting preachers. The largest community project undertaken was the building of a school which was completed in 1905. Christian citizenship was exemplified by the group as they fenced the town cemetery, contributed to aid famine and flood victims at home and abroad, and assisted hungry persons traveling through the town by wagon team. Christian Endeavor materials were used for the meetings but the group did not affiliate with any denomination.



Typical Mexican native dress from Oaxaca was worn by delegates at the Saturday parade during the national convention. Those who attend the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union in Mexico City August 17-20 will see colorful dress worn by many delegates.

Thrilling reports come from Indore, India, telling of the All India Christian Endeavor Convention held there October 9-12. Using the theme, 'Christ, the Light of the World," hundreds of Endeavorers gathered at Indore Christian College in the largest city in Madhya Pradesh (population about 500,000). Guest speaker was Dr. A. E. Inbanathan, dean of religious work and secretary of the governing council of Christian Medical College in Vellore.



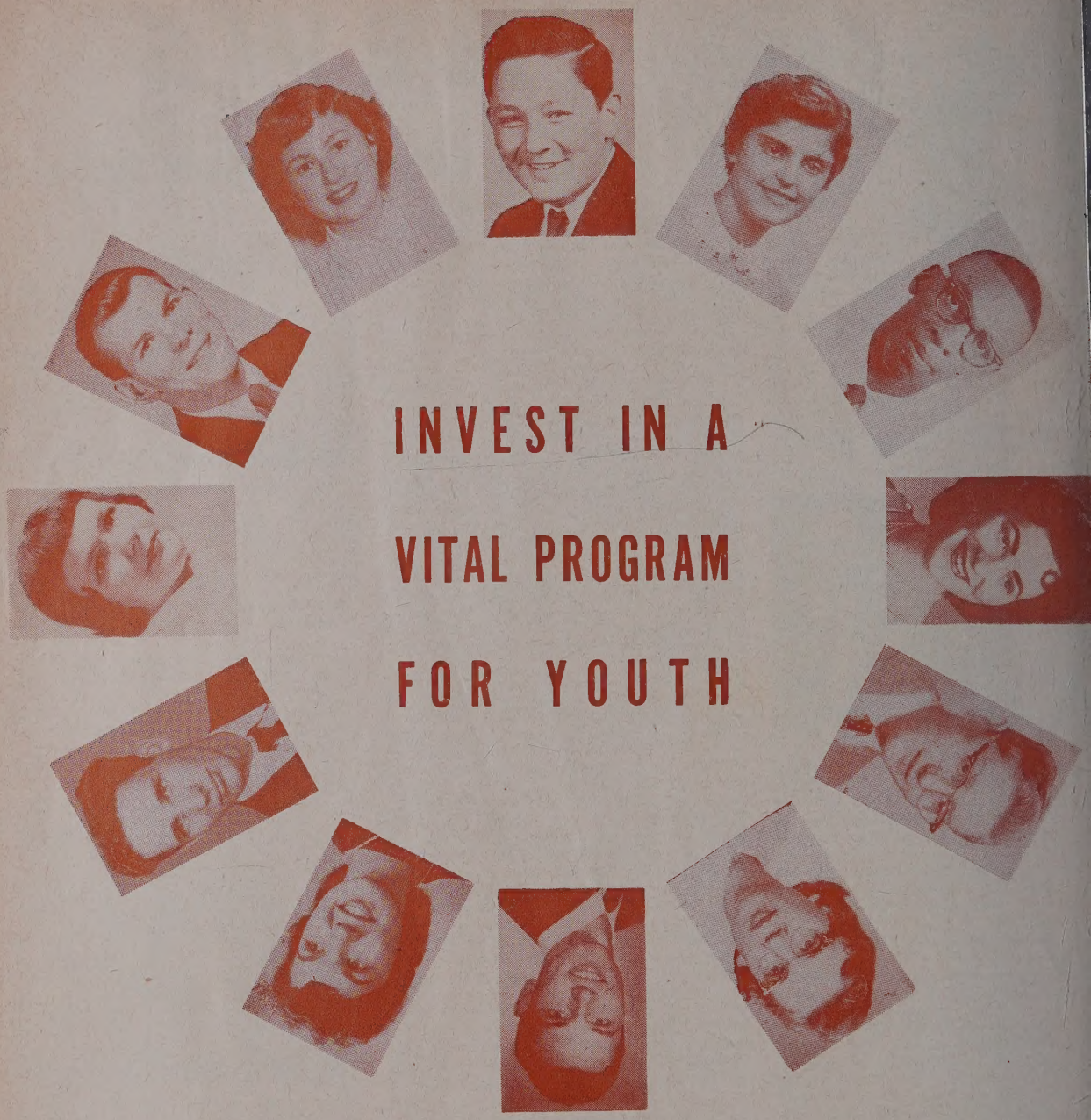
These Juniors at Rock Springs Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches (the oldest Presbyterian Church in Texas) were thrilled to meet the Extension Secretary of the International Society, Cecil A. Jeffery (in the ten-gallon hat), during a field work trip last year. The pastor, Rev. R. N. Burk, is standing at the left, with the sponsor of the society, Mrs. Otis Martin, next to him.

nal "talk-it-over" groups like this one gave leaders many oppor-es to share ideas during sessions December 3-6 of the Executives' am Council in Columbus, Ohio.



The "Lisping Song" was the subject of much hilarity as this representative group performed during the Fellowship Banquet of the Executives' Program Council.





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